

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

SUMMARY OF LIVESTOCK STATISTICS, YEAR 1939.

I. SHEEP AND WOOL.

1. Number of Sheep. The sheep flocks on December 31st 1939 numbered 9,940,570 (9,936,586) an increase of 3,984 on the record of 9,936,586 last year. The flocks were classified as follows :- Ewes 5,330,474 (5,160,112); Wethers 2,337,510 (2,394,662); Rams 140,233 (135,262); Under 1 year old 2,132,353 (2,246,550).

2. Breeds of Sheep were reported by owners as follows:- Merino 8,238,465, Corriedale 165,090, Dorset Horn 17,812, Leicester Border 16,422, Polwarth 7,522, Romney Marsh 6,455, Southdown 5,789, Suffolk 4,385, Ryelands 2,005, Shropshire 1,823, Leicester English 1,634, Lincoln 594, Hampshire Downs 22, Pure Breeds (Not specified) 217, Merino Come-back 543,433, All Other (including Crossbred) 928,902.

3. Lambing, 1939. During 1939, 4,436,435 (4,202,848) Ewes were mated and 3,102,835 (3,077,634) Lambs marked, percentage 69.94 (73.23). The number of lambs marked exceeded the record of the previous year.

4. Winter Lambing, 1940. 4,566,000 ewes were reported as either mated or intended to be mated for the Winter Lambing of 1940. In addition 175,000 ewes were expected to be reserved for Spring Lambing. Details for the 1940 winter lambing are being obtained and will be published later.

5. Wool clip. 10,132,619 (9,942,135) sheep and lambs were shorn, the total clip including locks, bellies, pieces, etc. being 91,136,064 (88,345,467) lbs; an increase of 2,790,597 lbs. on the record clip of 88,345,467 last year. The average fleece for sheep and lambs combined was 8.99 (8.89) and for sheep only 10.43 (10.51) lbs.

6. Total Wool Production. Subject to slight revision, it is estimated that the grand total wool production including the clip and wool fellmongered and wool on local skins exported was 104,500,000 (102,888,121) lbs, increase 1,611,879 lbs.

II. CATTLE.

1. Numbers. All kinds 351,013 (318,897) increase 32,116. Dairying Cattle 173,089 (165,110) increase 7,979 classified as follows :- In Milk 126,380 (122,720), Dry 29,967 (29,979), and Heifers springing 16,742 (12,411). In addition there were 16,251 (14,067) other Heifers.

2. Butter and Cheese. Provisional 1939-40 Butter 22,800,000 (20,716,584) lbs. and Cheese 20,800,000 (18,457,598) lbs. The record production of cheese up to 1932-33 was 6,093,170 lbs. falling to 5,316,971 in 1933-34, since when each succeeding year has been a record. Butter production for 1939-40 was also a record.

III. HORSES 190,013 (195,834) decrease 5,821.

IV. PIGS 119,660 (71,292) increase 48,368. The 1939 figure was the highest for over 50 years.

V. GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL AND LIVESTOCK.

During the year 1939 the percentage to the total of sheep outside Goyder's line of Rainfall increased from 31.36 to 31.90, Horses from 26.86 to 27.45 and Cattle decreased 32.42 to 30.72. The numbers within and without the line for 1939 were Sheep 6,769,838 and 3,170,732, Cattle 243,170 and 107,843, Horses 137,857 and 52,156.

VI. SLAUGHTERINGS.

Sheep 908,967 (883,208), Lambs 1,185,235 (1,124,104), Cattle 151,135 (160,044), Pigs 122,949 (124,692). Slaughterings for Export were Sheep 2,404 (3,968), Lambs 740,961 (694,446), Cattle 2,788 (1,494) Pigs 2,086 (2,106).

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1. LIVESTOCK AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1939 IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER 31st 1938.

Division	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	PIGS
	1939 No.	1938 No.	1939 No.	1938 No.	1939 No.	1939 No.
Central	1,983,124	2,026,822	119,974	112,107	53,954	52,821
Lower North	1,408,780	1,455,035	33,537	29,550	35,188	26,453
Upper North	1,028,669	937,564	17,634	16,434	12,674	4,850
South Eastern	1,863,810	1,896,803	61,770	57,832	12,240	4,980
Western	1,713,982	1,652,039	19,462	18,731	31,397	16,611
Murray Mallee	763,623	849,714	27,592	26,738	31,318	13,924
Total counties	8,761,988	8,817,977	279,969	261,392	176,771	119,639
Outside counties	1,178,582	1,118,609	71,044	57,505	13,242	21
Total State	9,940,570	9,936,586	351,013	318,897	190,013	119,660
Increase	3,984	1,032,184	32,116	-5,266	-5,821	48,368

LIVESTOCK WITHIN AND WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL 1937 to 1939.

Year	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
WITHIN GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1937	6,159,853	69.18	224,411	69.23	144,837	73.40
1938	6,820,084	68.64	215,520	67.58	143,236	73.14
1939	6,769,838	68.10	243,170	69.28	137,857	72.55
WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1937	2,744,549	30.82	99,752	30.77	52,497	26.60
1938	3,116,502	31.36	103,377	32.42	52,598	26.86
1939	3,170,732	31.90	107,843	30.72	52,156	27.45

WOOL PRODUCTION.

Division	WOOL - CLIP			AVERAGE WEIGHT FLEECE		
	1939-40 lbs.	1938-39 lbs.	Increase lbs.	1939-40 lbs.	1938-39 lbs.	Inc. lbs.
Central	17,994,892	17,259,388	735,504	8.88	8.62	.26
Lower North	13,377,160	13,695,634	-318,474	9.48	9.48	-
Upper North	10,352,918	9,816,848	536,070	10.18	9.32	.86
South Eastern	15,483,463	15,257,868	225,595	8.24	8.09	.15
Western	13,913,071	14,399,437	-486,366	7.76	8.72	-.96
Murray Mallee	7,039,487	7,188,421	-148,934	8.92	8.89	.03
Total Counties	78,160,991	77,617,596	543,395	8.77	8.77	-
Outside "	12,975,073	10,727,871	2,247,202	10.66	9.79	.87
Total State	91,136,064	88,345,467	2,790,597	8.99	8.89	.10

Grand Total Wool Production (Clip, Fellmongered and on Skins exported) subject to slight revision, 1938-39 - 102,888,121 lbs., 1939-40 - 104,500,000 lbs., increase 1,611,879.

Minus sign denotes decrease.

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